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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07704.0006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Luigi FORLAI

Serial No.: 09/609,228

Filed: June 30, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
GENERATING A SALE OFFER
TO SELECTED INDIVIDUALS
OVER ELECTRONIC NETWORK
SYSTEMS

) Group Art Unit: 2813

) Examiner: Narayanswamy Subramanian

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.Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 1, 2003, the period for response to which extends through January 2, 2004 (January 1st being a Federal holiday) by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time of five (5) months and the requisite fee payment, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

- I. Claims 1 and 8-16, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of making a sale offer over an electronic network system, classified in class 705, subclass 37;
- II. Claims 2, 6, 17 and 20-25, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for using an electronic network system to facilitate a transaction between a seller and a buyer, classified in class 705, subclass 37,

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- III. Claims 3, 18, 19, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus for facilitating a transaction between a buyer and seller, classified in class 705, subclass 37;
- IV. Claims 4, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus for facilitating a sale offer transaction between a seller and a buyer, classified in class 705, subclass 37;
- V. Claim 5, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to an apparatus for facilitating a transaction between a seller and a buyer, classified in class 705, subclass 37; and
- VI. Claim 7, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a system for providing an electronic sale offer from a seller to at least one selected buyer visiting an Internet web site, classified in class 705, subclass 37.

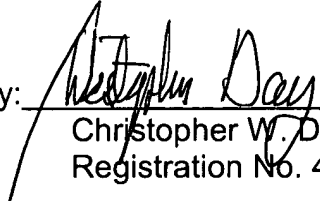
In response, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, claims 2, 6, 17, and 20-25.

Please grant any necessary extensions of time and charge any additional fees due with the filing of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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